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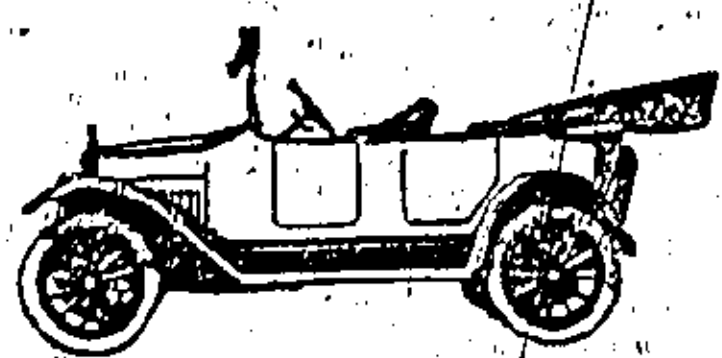
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## THE GREAT BATTLE.

### GERMAN EXPLANATIONS OF THEIR DEFEAT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

#### THE ENEMY'S DEFEAT.

HOW THE GERMAN PRESS VIEWS  
ALLIED SUCCESS.

#### INTERESTING COMMENTS.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 12.

German newspapers are begin-  
ning to admit the Allied success,  
though professing calm confidence  
in the future. All dwell upon a  
statement that the surprise was due  
to the fog, enabling the Tanks to  
break through.

The *Frankfurter Zeitung* states:  
"We have lost not an inconsider-  
able number of prisoners and guns  
without so far other serious con-  
sequences. It remains to be seen  
whether the situation has changed  
strategically."

The *Cologne Gazette* says: "The  
reason for the regrettable occurrence  
has not yet been cleared up."

The *Cologne Volkszeitung* says:  
"It is no good hiding the fact that  
this check south of the Somme by  
the enemy, who is not numerically  
superior, hits us hard."

The *Vossische Zeitung* states:  
"The least vulnerable point on our  
front was attacked. Therefore, it is  
ridiculous to say that our entire  
position is menaced. When Field-  
Marshal von Hindenburg has con-  
solidated the Aisne-Vesle front, he  
will be able to freely shift his re-  
serves at every menaced point."

The *Deutsche Tages Zeitung*, the  
organ of the Pan-Germans, says:  
"The events between the Somme  
and the Aisne constitute the first  
serious defeat in the war. This is  
due to the state of the morale of  
Prince Rupprecht's troops."

The *Vorwaerts*, commenting on  
the crisis confronting Germany at  
the opening of the fifth year of the  
war, says: "The morale of the  
nation is damaged by the Pan-  
Germans' wild cry for conquest."

35,000 PRISONERS SINCE AUG. 8TH.

Paris, Aug. 12:  
A semi-official report confirms the  
statement that 35,000 prisoners have  
been captured since August 8th.

#### GERMAN EXPLANATION OF THE DEFEAT.

##### A HURRICANE OF FIRE.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 12.  
A message from Berlin says a  
semi-official report attributes the  
latest German defeat to the fact  
that only hasty defences were pos-  
sible in the overrun area owing to  
the lack of time and transport for  
the material.

The statement speaks of a hurri-  
cane of fire being concentrated on  
German trench garrisons, breaking  
down telephone and telegraphic com-  
munications and also that signal  
rockets were invisible in the thick  
fog. The Germans suddenly found  
themselves attacked in the flank and  
their squadrons of Tanks, whose  
machine-gun fire played terrible  
havoc.

#### GERMAN REPORT.

LONDON, Aug. 11.

A wireless German official report  
states:—  
Saturday's attacks were mainly  
against our front between Liéons and  
the Aisne.

We repulsed oft-repeated attacks  
to the east of Pozieres and astride  
the Amiens road and Roye, despite  
the enemy's superiority and massed  
employment of armoured cars.

Over 40 of these were destroyed  
on the front of our Division.  
To the east of Montdidier we with-  
drew, fighting beyond the line La  
Bassée-Hazebrouck-Rocquembourg-  
Marost.

#### FRENCH PROGRESS TOWARDS ROYE.

#### SUCCESSFUL BRITISH OPERATIONS.

LONDON, Aug. 12.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig  
reports:—  
The enemy in the evening again  
attacked positions to the south of  
Liéons but was repulsed.

As a result of the successful opera-  
tions immediately to the south of the  
Somme, we took over 200 prisoners  
and have linked up our positions to  
the east of Morcourt with the line  
to the east of Elchenheim on the  
northern bank of the river.

On the right of the Fourth British  
Army, the French on the afternoon  
of the 11th progressed towards Roye,  
capturing Amancourt and Tilloy.

On the northern front we effected  
local improvements of our line to the  
east of Roye and between Vieux-  
Berquin and Merris.

#### SITUATION UNCHANGED IN AYRE- OISE SECTOR.

LONDON, Aug. 12.

A French communiqué states:—  
Between the Aisne and the Oise  
the situation is unchanged.  
There were bombardments during  
the night in the regions of Marquif-  
villers and Grivillers.

#### THIRD ALLIED ATTACK.

##### FOCH'S SURPRISE BLOWS.

PROBABLY BUT FIRST MOVES  
IN GREAT OFFENSIVE.

LONDON, Aug. 12.

The promise of further rapid sur-  
prise blows by Marshal Foch has  
been fulfilled more speedily than was  
anticipated, by the entry of General  
Humbert, whose swift and success-  
ful rush equalled the magnificent  
advance on the opening day of the  
battle. It showed, *inter alia*, how  
great was the strength of Marshal  
Foch, who was able to embark on  
a third attack when two offensives  
were already in progress. The battle  
indeed has so far gone like clock-  
work, and yet what happened are  
probably only the first moves in the  
great offensive, which some experts  
anticipate may soon change the  
whole face of the war.

The fruits of victory have so far  
indeed been remarkable, severely  
shaking the whole enemy position.  
His heavy counter-attacks were de-  
signed not merely to escape from  
the Montdidier pocket, but to defend  
all the strong country, of which  
Laon is the centre.

Correspondents describe the co-  
fusion in the Montdidier pocket,  
where the enemy has only a strip  
of country eight miles wide in which  
to manoeuvre, as exceeding even the  
scenes on the Marne. The dusty  
sun-beaten roads were full of ex-  
hausted fugitives, mingling with the  
disorderly procession of wagons,  
limbers and ambulances. Fires and  
explosions were everywhere.

General Humbert's timely stroke,  
apart from the spoils it secured, will  
probably force the Germans to send  
to the south some reserves whose  
counter-attacks slowed down the  
rate of advance.

On the northern battle-front a  
striking feature of the Allied blows  
since July 18th has been the essen-  
tial unity of the whole operation  
from the Aisne to the Oise, repre-  
senting an almost unprecedented  
quality of conception and execution.

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## NEWS OF THE DAY.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Exchange was up another eighth this morning, the demand rate being now 3s. 3.5-16d.

The typhoon signal has been up all day. It will be seen from the Observatory Report that the wind is expected to increase in force to a gale.

We are asked to mention that the usual fortnightly visit drive of the Royal Naval Quadrille Club will be held to-night at the Royal Naval Canteen Theatre.

It has now been decided that the Kitchener memorial scholarships will be \$175 each and fees (in all £220, to £230 a year) for three years—in exceptional cases four, five, or six years. Expenses may be given for student's travelling abroad and maintenance grant before taking a college course. The scholarships are for officers and men of suitable age and sons of deceased and disabled officers and men of the Navy and Army and will provide a complete course of industrial and commercial education at any university or similar institution. The training will include works experience and college education, but commercial scholarships do not involve business experience. Among the objects of the travelling scholarships are the study of foreign languages and American business methods.

To-morrow afternoon, at the Hongkong Football Club's grounds, the baseball team representing the 9th Cavalry, U.S. Army, will meet the sailors of the U.S.S. *Pompano* in a match, the proceeds of which will go to swell the funds of the Red Cross Society. Judging by the sale of tickets, the attendance will be very large, and arrangements have therefore been made for special tram service to carry the spectators to and from the game, which will commence promptly at five o'clock. The cavalrymen are the champions of the Philippine Islands, so a first-class exhibition of the American national game may be expected. The Shanghai papers gave lengthy accounts of each of the games played by the colored troops during their stay in the northern port, incidentally mentioning several anecdotes which bear out the reputation the troops have for a very keen sense of humor. The comical antics of the troops will not be lost on the spectators, although their comedy is not allowed to interfere with their interpretation of the sport.

### THE TAI O TRAGEDY.

#### CHARGES AGAINST INDIAN SERGEANTS.

The hearing of the charges against the Indian Sergeants B144 and B152 for failure to carry out their duties at Tai O on July 17th was continued this afternoon at the Magistracy before Mr. J. R. Wood.

Mr. King (acting D.S.P.) prosecuted and the defendants were represented by Mr. R. E. Bellios, barrister-at-law, instructed by Mr. J. H. Gardiner, solicitor.

Mr. King said he wished to add a fourth charge namely, that the defendants were guilty of misconduct as police officers, the misconduct being that when they found Sergeant Glendenning murdered they deserted Tai O Station and failed generally to carry out the duties required of them by the law.

Defendants pleaded not guilty.

Mr. King read the depositions of the defendants made by them at the recent coroner's inquiry.

The Sergeant Chinese interpreter, examined said when he was coming down he saw the first interpreter. He armed three boatmen. When he first saw the first defendant in the boat he was suspicious of him.

The Magistrate: His suspicions are based on the bad motives of the man. That is how the evidence would come legally.

Continuing witness said he was suspicious of the defendant because he ran out of the station after the shots were fired.

Mr. King: Did you suspect that he would do you injury when you saw him in the boat? Possibly. Also when I saw him in the boat.

The inquiry was adjourned.

To bear hunger without at the same time suffering from headache, or any other indisposition is very difficult for most people. Such is the opening sentence of an advertisement in the *Telegraph* and *Kunstschau* by a Berlin chemist firm in praise of a newly invented drug.

## SUPREME COURT.

### APPELLATE JURISDICTION.

#### A RICE DEAL.

Before the Full Court of Appeal this morning, Sir Haviland de Saumarez and Mr. Justice Gompertz sitting, an appeal was made in the case of Kin Tye Loong (appellants) versus Wing Hung Hong (respondents) that the decision of Sir William Rees Davies, K.C., Chief Justice, given on the 22nd April in the original action, should be reversed. In the original action, the plaintiffs, having sold some rice to the defendants they alleged that they had discovered the defendants had been guilty of fraud, and they claimed the return of the rice or its value, viz. \$16,000. The defendants were adjudicated bankrupts on July 26, 1914, and the plaintiffs in the bankruptcy proved the said sum of \$16,000 and on that amount they received a dividend of \$1,000. The plaintiffs' case was that the receipt of the dividend was not a bar to their proceeding with their claim for the full amount.

His Lordship Sir William Rees Davies held that the plaintiffs having accepted a dividend in the bankruptcy of the defendant firm, they had thereby elected not to proceed with the action in the original jurisdiction, claiming damages against the same defendants for fraud in connection with the same transaction in respect of which the plaintiffs took a dividend.

Mr. Eldon Poter and Mr. F. G. Jenkin, C.B.E., instructed by Mr. A. H. Crew, of Messrs. Hastings and Hastings, appeared for the appellants and the Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, O.B.E., K.C., and Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., instructed by Mr. E. J. Crist, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the respondents.

Mr. Poter, opening the case, said the facts shortly were that in the bankruptcy of the defendants the plaintiffs received a dividend in respect of the two contracts for the sale of rice, which two contracts plaintiffs were endeavouring to set aside in the present action, which is against not only the bankrupt firm but its sub-purchasers; the defendant's contention being that the subsequent proof and receipt of a dividend by the plaintiffs, they thereby elected to treat the contracts as void and are now bound to that, and the very fact of plaintiffs receiving a dividend constituted an election in law to treat the contracts as void with the consequence, of course, that the plaintiffs are bound by the contracts and cannot proceed with their action for fraud. A writ was issued on May 10, 1914, against the defendants for \$16,000, the price of goods sold and delivered. On May 23 the plaintiffs filed a petition in bankruptcy against the defendant firm which however had nothing to do with the present action. On May 30 the plaintiffs, having discovered that the goods in question had been obtained by fraud, issued a summons for leave to add the sub-purchasers to the action, and for leave to amend their claim. Plaintiffs also asked for the return of the goods as obtained and for which they substituted a claim in tort. On July 28 a receiving order was made against the Wing Hung Hong firm and on July 16 a statement of claim was filed which was based entirely upon the fraud. The plaintiffs allege that they are entitled to get the rice back and in order to do that they must prove that there was fraud, and also that the sub-purchasers were aware of the fraud. On August 30, the Wing Hung Hong firm was adjudicated bankrupt. Mr. J. H. Sath being appointed trustee, together with two Chinese gentlemen. These two gentlemen guaranteed a dividend of 20 per cent. in the bankruptcy, payable within a month, whereupon Mr. Crew, acting for the plaintiffs, had to consider their position. It seemed to him if the plaintiffs lost their action in tort to recover the rice, they would be entitled to come into the bankruptcy and get their 20 per cent. inasmuch as a dividend was payable in one month it seemed to Mr. Crew that some steps should be taken to safeguard the plaintiffs' rights.

Mr. Poter submitted that it did not matter, in law, whether Mr. Crew's view of the law was right or wrong, although Counsel submitted, Mr. Crew was perfectly correct, the only point their Lordships had to consider being, was there an election to treat the contract as void by receiving a dividend? Mr. Crew discussed the position with Mr. Sath and the result was that the latter agreed with Mr. Crew that the plaintiffs should file a proof and receive a dividend without prejudice to their right to go on with their action. Mr. Sath assented entirely to Mr. Crew's suggestion. Their Lordships would notice that all this took place before any proof was filed by plaintiffs. The next point was a very recent one. On September 20th a summons was taken out to add the sub-purchasers to the action for fraud, as to that, there had not been included in the proof a statement of the sub-purchasers and their names were not included in the proof.

His Worship remanded the case.

## THE PARLIAMENT AT CANTON.

### 488 MEMBERS NOW THERE.

The Intelligence Bureau of Canton writes:—Some 488 Members of Parliament are now in Canton in the House of Representatives and Senate, meeting assembled, each having a legal quorum. The House was finally able to meet in full legal quorum on August 6th, and the Senate, on August 8th. A joint meeting has been decided for August 9th, when a declaration setting forth their reasons for sitting in Canton will be adopted. This National Assembly was the same as that which met in Peking, 1913, when the Foreign Governments, first recognized the Chinese Republic. This body was, however, dissolved on June 12, 1917, by a Presidential Mandate forced by the military party. As the Provisional Constitution of China does not give power to the executive department to dissolve the Legislative Members have refused to disband and have been gathering in Canton since August, 1917, in extra session. Sometimes as many as 280 were in attendance, while others were going back and forth between Canton and their homes on private or public business in connection with the Military Government, an organ created to employ force to compel the illegal Government in Peking to observe the Provisional Constitution as the supreme law of the land.

The object of the present National Assembly will be the adoption of a permanent constitution for China, a task it had almost completed when illegally dissolved, and the passage of a new Election and Parliamentary Organization Law so as to reduce the number and improve the qualification of the membership and enable the citizens to express their will more adequately in the selection of their representatives, thus removing some of the complaints the public now has regarding their legislation.

The Military Government was first headed by Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the first Provisional President of the Republic, acting as the Generalissimo, and it was later reorganized, giving Dr. Wu Tingfang, ex-Premier and a former Minister to the United States, Tan Shao-yi, ex-Premier, Tang Chi-yao, Military Governor of Yunnan, General Luo Yung-tung, Military Inspector of Liang Kwang, and Admiral Lin Pao-yi, Commander of the Chinese Navy, equal power with Dr. Sun, when meeting as an Administrative Council, the present chief executive department assisting the National Assembly to make its way back to Peking, the capital of China. There has been much talk as to the demands of the South. So far as is known to the correspondent, no formal agreement has been made by the leaders of the South-West, regarding their proposal to the North. The exchange of views as published in telegrams through the Press shows but what some would like to demand. It is not believed that the South-Western element, the Constitutionalists, will and can ask more than the reconvening of the National Assembly, thus upholding the Constitution and denying the right of any military commander or *de facto* change laws according to their selfish motives. Of course, there are always some fighting under a righteous flag for evil purposes; but the great leaders like Dr. Wu, Dr. Sun, Mr. Tang and others have never thought of anything other than public good and the defeat of Militarism in order to make China free for Republicanism and the world safe for Democracy.

The cause of the South-West may also be termed a Young China Movement, as many who are working under the leadership of the above mentioned leaders or associating with them, are young men who are showing promises in the world. Dr. C. T. Wang, student leader prominent in the Y.M.C.A. and social service work, the brilliant former Cabinet Minister, a Yale University graduate, is the Acting President of the Senate, the Upper House of the National Assembly, a leader in influence as well as in legislative office.

The Constitutional provinces, Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Yunnan, Kweichow and Szechuan, are now practically free of Northern troops. Operations in Hunan, Fukien, Hopen, and other provinces where Republicanism is welcomed are progressing to the satisfaction of the leaders of Canton.

The Senate of the Republic of China, with a legal quorum for the first time since its forced removal to Canton from Peking by the military party, met on August 9 in the Legislative Building of Kwangtung. Dr. C. T. Wang, Acting President, presiding. One hundred and thirty-nine Senators were present. No special Bills were introduced, the business simply consisting of the election of seats, acceptance of a committee on credentials of new Senators, and the decision to go into joint session with the House of Representatives, which succeeded in getting a quorum on August 6, to discuss a draft declaration giving the causes leading to the assembly in Canton. The joint session takes place on August 9, when nearly five hundred national law-makers will meet in the Kwangtung Legislative Building for the first time in history. The Assembly hall, remodelled to accommodate 850 Members of Parliament, is well furnished with individual desks for each member, and the platform for the officers presents a dignified appearance. Women as well as men have been kept in the gallery watching the proceedings with great interest.

President Chen Sheng, one of the seven administrative provinces of the Republic, is expected to arrive in Canton.

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### CHINA'S GOLD CURRENCY MEASURES.

#### Supplementing the brief telegram, which appeared in last night's China Mail with reference to the issue of a Presidential Mandate authorizing the issue of gold notes, a further telegram to our Chinese contemporary says the standard of this currency will be the gold yuan, which will contain 752,118 scruple of pure gold, equal to .0201888 of one Keping tael.

Besides gold notes for one, five, ten, twenty, fifty and one hundred yuans, gold notes will be issued for fifty, ten and five cents.

The Bureau will also mint one cent copper coins on the gold basis.

The Banks entrusted with the issuance of gold notes will maintain a reserve to cover the issue. This reserve may be either in gold *yuan*, foreign gold notes, or pure gold.

These reserve funds are to be deposited at commercial ports where international exchange business and trade are conducted, and are to be supervised by delegates from the Currency Bureau.

The approximate statement of traffic receipts for the week ending 10th August is as follows:—

	Receipts for week.	Aggregate Receipts for 32 weeks.
This year	13,066	434,885
Last year	14,005	427,771
Increase	939	5,114
Decrease	940	

### HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

#### Orders issued by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, C.B.E.

##### RECALL.

All ranks will attend as under at H.Q. Office and draw belts.

Monday, August 12th.—No. 2 Platoon 3.15—5.45 p.m.

Tuesday, August 13th.—No. 3 Platoon 3.15—5.45 p.m. and No. 4 Platoon 5.5—6.15 p.m.

Wednesday, August 14th.—No. 5 Platoon 5.15—5.45 p.m. and No. 6 Platoon 5.45—6.15 p.m.

Thursday, August 15th.—No. 7 Platoon 5.15—5.45 p.m. and No. 8 Platoon 5.45—6.15 p.m.

Friday, August 16th.—No. 1 Platoon 6.15—5.45 p.m.

13th August, 1918.

### LIGHTS ON THE PEAK.

The little lights upon the Peak. They twinkle out each one. And seem to welcome you home. Again.

Now that the day's work is done. And some are small and some are big. And some you can hardly see. And then at Durn-hell island. A few twinkle out at me.

To some perhaps the lights seem small. But to others who may roam. They twinkle out this little word. The word that spells—just Home!

G. L. A.

SUNDAY, M., 7/5/18.

### "THE DAUGHTER OF THE GODS."

There has been a run on the Hongkong Theatre during the week, where the picturesque photoplay, "The Daughter of the Gods," is being screened. Nightly many fail to secure seats, "full houses" being the record since Saturday. We are asked to state that the film will continue to be shown till Friday, and will probably be presented again next week. Those who are anxious to see the piece are requested to book their seats in advance.

At a meeting of the Sze Canal shareholders the dividend for 1917 of 7 1/2% gross and 6% net was approved. Mr. Gerrard presided in the absence of the president, Mr. Jonnart from whom a letter was read stating that the surplus of 2.25% per ton and the suppression of the present tariff of 2.50% per ton would be maintained after the war.

The Maude memorial fund in Mesopotamia has now closed, with a total of \$492,475. The General Officer Commanding Mesopotamia has approved of the proposal to build a Maude Memorial Hospital at Basra, which cost £25,000, but it is not intended to launch out in any ambitious building scheme at present, but to erect a few simple buildings for the hospital when conditions are ripe. It has also been decided to establish schools in General Maude's name and hospitals are to be erected at Ekishah and Shirak.

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## TELEGRAMS.

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## THE GERMAN RETREAT.

**ALLIES' SLOW PROGRESS EXPLAINED.**

LONDON, Aug. 12. Reuter's Correspondent at French Headquarters, telegraphing on Sunday afternoon, says:

Our gains today are thoroughly satisfactory. If the progress has slackened, this is due less to the enemy's assistance than to the fact that the roads are so encumbered with the enemy's abandoned material and numerous trees which have been felled, as in the case of the German retreat in the spring of 1917, so that our ammunition supply columns find it difficult to follow the infantry and cavalry. On the other hand, the retreat suffers from last year's in that the Germans hurried back too quickly to mine the roads and set death-traps in villages.

I visited Montdidier and found it completely wiped out, but it is already only a small incident in the battle. Our troops at Dhuys, ten miles beyond Montdidier, are three miles from Roye.

Have met the railways from Montdidier, Compiègne and Chaulnes on which the enemy depends to feed his whole line in the salient. Menaced by General Debeney's advance in the region of Thibault towards Roye and by General Humbert's advance between the Matz and the Oise, the Germans are throwing their whole available strength into an endeavor to make a stand on the Roye-Lassigny line in order to get time to withdraw their vast stores, artillery, etc., that they accumulated in this region for the June offensive. Our troops are confident that they can turn or drive the enemy, soon any line that they can organize. Already we have bitten off a third of the huge pocket the Germans dug in our line last March.

## THE VESLE SECTOR.

**THE ENEMY'S INTENTIONS.**

**COMPLETES HIS DEFENSIVE SYSTEM.**

LONDON, Aug. 12. Reuter's Correspondent at American Headquarters, telegraphing on Monday evening, says:

It is evident that the enemy intends to make us pay the full price for any attempt to drive him beyond the Vesle. He seems to have completed his defensive system and is now able to bring heavy guns to bear on us from across the Aisne, and also has an extraordinary profusion of machine guns on this front, which would make one suspicious of some counter-effort here were he not so busily occupied elsewhere, but this naturally greatly increases the difficulties of our aerial reconnaissance.

## FIRST AMERICAN ARMY FORMED.

**GENERAL PERSHING IN COMMAND.**

PARIS, Aug. 12. The formation of the first American Army in France is officially announced.

General Pershing commands it, while retaining the chief command of the American Expeditionary Force.

## LONG-RANGE SHELLING OF PARIS.

**GUNS SILENT FOR TWO DAYS.**

PARIS, Aug. 11. The long-range guns, which have been shelling Paris, have been silent for two days.

They are supposed to be situated in the wood between Guiscard and Noyon, and have been endangered by the advance of the French along the Roye-Lassigny line.

## REPORTED DISMISSAL OF ADMIRAL VON CAPELLÉ.

**FOR ALLOWING AMERICANS TO REACH FRANCE.**

PARIS, Aug. 12. The *Petit Journal's* Correspondent at Rome says: Admiral von Capellé has been dismissed because he did not prevent the great American Army reaching France.

## AFFAIRS IN RUSSIA: COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES GAINING UPPER HAND.

**LENIN AND TROTSKY FLEE TO KRONSTADT.**

LONDON, Aug. 12. The situation at Moscow is very uncertain. The counter-revolutionaries, if not actually in control, are undoubtedly gaining the upper hand. The latest report, from Berlin, is that M. Lenin and M. Trotsky have fled to Kronstadt.

## KRYLENKO IN COMMAND OF RED GUARDS.

LONDON, Aug. 12. The *London Leader* states that General Krylenko has been appointed to command the Red Guards against the Czech-Slovaks, replacing General Muraviev, who committed suicide.

General Krylenko has recently been a policeman.

## EICHORN'S ASSASSIN EXECUTED.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 12. A message from Kiev states that Marshal von Eichorn, has been executed.

## WHY THE GERMAN EMBASSY WAS TRANSFERRED FROM MOSCOW.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 12. It is officially announced in Berlin that Dr. Hülferich has informed the Soviet Government that the Social Revolutionaries' threat to employ terror as a fighting method endangers the safety of the members of the German Embassy, which, therefore, will be transferred to Pskov as Petrograd is equally as dangerous as Moscow.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## THE NEW OFFENSIVE. BATTLE DEVELOPING VICTORIOUSLY.

**ALLIES CAPABLE OF HOLDING GROUND.**

LONDON, Aug. 11. The battle which opened on August 8 by the Fourth British Army and the First French Army is developing victoriously.

The Third French Army, under General Humbert, attacked east of Montdidier, which was captured on Saturday morning. The whole salient near Montdidier is greatly reduced. The French infantry operating in this region made its junction with the British troops south of the Amiens-Roye road.

An encircling movement round the massif at Lassigny is now apparent. The booty taken by the Allied troops since August 8 exceeds 35,000 prisoners and 500 guns.

In the northern part of the battlefield, the pivot of Chipilly, which was very valuable to the Germans, has been taken by the Allies.

Thus the growing victory of the Allies makes the situation more precarious every day for the Germans in the curve outlined by the Somme between Bray, Peronne and Ham. From henceforth they will only have the choice of retreating to a line of about ten kilometres up to the river, towards which their convoys are already turning, and the Allied aviators worry their retreat in every way by blowing up bridges.

After the Marne salient that of Amiens was reduced, then the one at Montdidier. This battle, which was conceived and is directed by Marshal Foch, is developing logically and victoriously.

The French Third Army is vigorously attacking on the high ground in the neighbourhood of Lassigny and is progressing satisfactorily. Having advanced between three and five miles since yesterday in this region an early enemy retirement to the line Peronne-Nasle-Noyon canal is expected. His reserves are believed not to exceed 20 Divisions.

It is stated that the Allies are capable of holding all the ground won, and to be ready to again advance when the opportunity comes. — *Hansa Agency.*

## 22,000 PRISONERS AND 650 GUNS.

LONDON, Aug. 11. Reuter's Agency learns that at noon today the Allied line north and south was from a point west of Meuse, and from there to Etouheim, Framerville, Libon, Parvillers, Lechell, Armaucourt, Royes-sur-Matz, Moreuil, Lamoitte, Samson, Mechemont, and then along the Oise.

South of the Somme the situation is becoming stabilized. We have not advanced during the past twelve hours, even slightly retreating at some places. The fighting here has been of a desperate ding-dong character, the enemy calling up reserves and counter-attacking heavily, apparently to enable him to save material.

Further south the French advanced slightly. The latest authoritative total of prisoners is 22,000, and 450 guns have been captured.

## THE ENEMY IN RAPID RETREAT.

LONDON, Aug. 11. Reuter's Correspondent at British Headquarters, telegraphing this evening, states:

The enemy is in rapid retreat and is sacrificing immense quantities of material.

A great fire was seen at Chaulnes yesterday afternoon. The battle, in which the British and Americans cleared up the Chipilly triangle was a remarkable feat. The Americans arrived after a forced march without halting for a moment, and with fixed bayonets followed the barrage and cleared the ground and made way for a further advance. They captured over 300 prisoners.

The English, who took Chipilly, had some of the hardest fighting in the offensive, carrying the place on the afternoon of the 9th inst. in less than three quarters of an hour.

It is confirmed that the enemy's casualties are very heavy. Prisoners state that the 7th Bavarian Division, which arrived at Libon in time to receive the full weight of the Australian assault, is incapable of further fighting at present.

The 41st Division is practically wiped out. The Australians on the first day captured 1,000 prisoners, five times their own total casualties for the day and night of the 10th inst.

We are pushing forward at Provost along the Faintout road, and meeting with very heavy artillery and machine-gun fire.

At more than one place we are back on the old Somme positions, and at Frasnay we are across those. In all 20 enemy Divisions participated in the fighting, ten being from the reserve.

The retreating enemy is continuing to set fire to villages and to blow up dumps a long way back.

## STRONG ENEMY ATTACKS REPULSED.

LONDON, Aug. 11. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

Fresh enemy Divisions from the reserve, this morning, strongly attacked our position at Libon and to the southward and northward.

All the attacks were repulsed, after severe fighting, in which we inflicted great loss upon the advancing lines. At one point immediately northwards of Libon the assaulting troops broke into our positions and penetrated the western side of the village.

We counter-attacked with determination, and, in the course of fierce fighting on difficult ground, drove back the enemy to eastward and northward of the village, and the line was completely restored.

On our right, the French, co-operating with us, continued to attack and progressed south-westward and southward of Roye.

Our patrols captured a few prisoners on the remainder of the British Front.

## INTENSE AIR FIGHTING.

LONDON, Aug. 12. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

There was intense air-fighting on August 10. We destroyed 41 machines and drove down 20 out of control. Twelve of ours are missing.

We dropped 23 tons of bombs in the day-time and 31 tons, principally upon bridges and stations in the Somme Valley, at night-time.

The amount of small arms ammunition fired from the air upon the retreating enemy broke all recent records. We brought down two night-bombers, one being a giant German machine with five engines and a heavy load of bombs. Our anti-aircraft guns brought down two other hostile machines recently.

## TRIUMPHAL MARCH BY OLD VETERANS.

LONDON, Aug. 12. Reuter's Correspondent at French Headquarters, telegraphing on the evening of August 10, states:

How General Debeney, attacking in the early morning from the south-west, swept past the Asainvillers plateau and reached by noon Faverolles, completely an hour later took Etelisy, completely surrounding Montdidier, is described as a triumphal march by the oldest veterans.

Meanwhile, between Montdidier and the Oise the French made a round forward of two or three miles. Officers state that never before have they pressed back the enemy at such a rate.

The light Tanks played a great part in the drive, saving a great number of casualties.

The territory captured is crammed full of abandoned material, including guns and shells of all calibres. Twenty-one guns were captured at Neuville, including six big howitzers.

Everyone participating on the battlefield is in the highest spirits, many, despite 48 hours' incessant fighting, advancing.

## FRENCH ADVANCE CONTINUED.

LONDON, Aug. 12. A French communiqué states:

To-day we continued to advance between the Aye and the Oise, notwithstanding the enemy resistance.

South of the Aye we occupied Marquelliers and Grivillers, and reached a line from Armaucourt to Thilleval.

We progressed two kilometres north of Royes-sur-Matz to the outskirts of Cany-sur-Matz.

Further south we conquered and passed La Berlière.

Our advance between the Matz and the Oise was accompanied north of Chivincourt.

We held Mauchement, and Cany-sur-Matz.

## RUSSIAN AFFAIRS. ARRESTED CONSULS RELEASED.

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 12. In consequence of the efforts of Swedish representations to Moscow the British and French Consuls have been released.

## KARLSRUHE BOMBED.

LONDON, Aug. 11. The Air Ministry states:

Our squadrons, this morning, attacked the railway station at Karlsruhe and one aerodrome.

Clouds hindered observation but a large bomb was seen to hit the station causing an explosion.

We drove down three machines out of control and one of ours was driven down under control.

## VICTORY BY AIRCRAFT.

**THE FOUR WAYS.**

Among people who believe that the war will be decided by aircraft there is considerable difference of opinion as to the precise way in which the decision will be brought about. Some look to the wholesale bombing of great cities creating an overwhelming peace movement from the civil population; others picture the achievement of a nearly complete mastery of the air by one side that the armies of the enemy would be deprived of the all-important aerial observation, and as a consequence, quickly suffer defeat; another line of reasoning calculates on the paralyzing by aircraft of the lines of communication so completely that the side weak in aircraft would be powerless to strike and helpless in defence. There is satisfaction in the knowledge that, so far as can be seen, in each of the directions indicated the Allies are now making the pace.

Take the first. With regard to such raids, last week's attack on Paris and the effective attack by the British on Saarbrücken may be cited. More important work, however, has been on hand, and the great struggle of the Western front has employed most of the available aerial energy.

As to the "blinding" of the enemy by the destruction of his aircraft, this does not appear to be likely, in spite of the many successes of the Allies in aerial fighting during the past two weeks. There is no doubt that the enemy has lost very heavily in aircraft of all kinds. A big fire at Friedrichshafen, the heavy bombing of enemy aerodromes, and the havoc created by British, French, and American aircraft, have indeed aroused hopes, where before they were scanty, that the second method may, after all, be a winner.

The destruction of enemy aeroplanes in March and April reached a four-figure total. The loss in skilled personnel and the material and the shattering of the organisation, can only be realised by experts. In the present month the rate of loss has been greater than ever; and in the new phase of the great battle there is good reason to hope that the Allies will reap material profit from this circumstance. The losses in observation balloons have also been very heavy, owing to improvements in the methods employed, so that it is even foretold by some that the days of the observation balloon are numbered.

As to the attainment of a complete dislocation by the bombing of the enemy's lines of supply, at the present moment this appears to be less practicable, although undoubtedly both sides have suffered. In this respect the Allies should be on top. In such the British have dropped 26,170 bombs to the enemy's 2,465 and in April 23,900 to 2,032. Nor is there any reason to suppose that, bomb for bomb, our work is less effective than the enemy's; quite the contrary. The figures by the way, dispose of a suggestion that our official dispatches say by day put too rosy a colour upon the situation by making much of our work and belittling that of the Germans.

## DISLOCATED TIME-TABLE.

But, after all, may not the decisive effect of aircraft in this struggle lie in delaying the German successive operations by the material and the shattering of the organisation, and make it impossible for the military party to fulfil their promise and justify their policy? Such a result would be no less emphatic than the others, and would give us just as satisfactory basis of peace. The evidence, in the writer's view, rather points to the last-given solution. Looking at the bombing and aerial fighting figures combined, he cannot avoid coming to the conclusion that the movements of the enemy have been and are still being seriously prejudiced and his time-table dislocated, and this very largely owing to the work of our aircraft. Possibly a detailed and authentic history of the operations would bring this point out more clearly. Without counting the figures for the present month, which would make the comparison even more telling, we have 60,778 bombs against 4,498 from the enemy—a superiority of twelve to one.—*Observer.*

## HIP VAN WINKLES.

A firm of engineers doing Government work recently received a letter saying "We regret to inform you that we are unable to accept your tender for aluminium poles."

As one in the firm knew of any recent correspondence on such a matter, the files were searched back for several months.

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In the department responsible for the blunder the subject of aluminium poles is now a very tender one.—*Ex.*

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Of the Hongkong and Singapore battery at the battle of Maghaga I will mention what General Cox told me. The battery was attached to the Camel Corps but for a time it was placed at the disposal of the Light Horse. General Cox said: "The Major in command of the battery would do anything. When ever I showed him a target I wanted attacked he hurried up his guns, pounded it and destroyed it. The gunners came up with smiling faces, took their guns into exposed places and served them under a heavy fire. Their magnificent work late in the afternoon did much to bring the action to a successful issue."

And just the same warm praise was bestowed upon the battery for its part later on at Rafa when at least once during the day they took their little pip squeak guns up to the very line held by our riflemen. The curious plaintive report of the mountain guns suggested the name of the "Bing Boys" for the battery and Canadians will doubtless pardon this appropriation of their own nickname by comrades from the Far East. The Australians will tell you that the Bing Boys with us were superb.—From W. T. Massey's "The Desert Campaigns" (Constable and Co.)

AMERICAN SILVER IN INDIA. The *Pioneer* of July 19th understands that since the commencement of the current month three steamers, have arrived in India, each bringing a large amount of American silver, the total aggregating to well over thirty million ounces, or enough to coin upwards of ten crores of rupees. These form only initial instalments of the amount secured, which will all arrive in due course enabling the mints to keep up the continuous coinage programme, though the mints have been handicapped in the last two or three weeks by the influenza epidemic which broke out first at Bombay and then at Calcutta. Stocks of rupees actually coined in the paper currency reserve continue to show steady improvement.

## A SUBSTITUTE FOR COTTON.

JAPANESE PATENT.

A substitute for cotton has been discovered in Japan in a sea-weed called *Sargassum*, or *pimo gansu*. This weed grows abundantly in Japan, where it has hitherto been known as a good fertilizing material. In the process of manufacture the weed is boiled in ashy water, and then in water mixed with rice-brain; afterwards it is bleached. The Tokyo Fibre Laboratory has taken out a patent for the process.

## DECLINING MARRIAGE AND BIRTH RATES IN JAPAN.

The statistics Bureau attached to the Cabinet has issued an official report on the number of marriages, divorces, births, deaths, etc., in 1916.

From this report it appears there were 427,755 marriages in 1916, a decrease of 11,415 on the preceding year. This decrease, the compilers of the report state, was apparently due to economic reasons of a world wide character consequent upon the progress of civilisation. The situation in Japan resembles the conditions in Prussia after the Franco-Prussian war. Against the large falling-off in the number of registered marriages, however, must be set the fact that in Japan there are many couples who, though not regarded as husbands and wives are living together as such.

The number of divorces was 60,536, which shows an increase of 330 over the preceding year.

Male births numbered 935,943, an increase of 4,507, while the number of female births rose 829,082, an increase of 3,533 over the preceding year. Taken as a whole, the position as to births in this country is again much like conditions in Prussia after the Franco-Prussian war. Whether this also means that this country resembles Prussia in those days in regard to economic and social conditions is a question which deserves close investigation. Male and female still-births totalled 139,998.

Male deaths numbered 612,995, an increase of 48,043 over the preceding year, while female deaths numbered 588,990, which also shows an increase of 47,722. Whereas the birth-rate in this country has already reached its height, and there is even a tendency for it to decrease, the number of deaths is increasing. This fact which is a matter for great concern.

Foundlings numbered 244, 126 being boys and 118 girls. The number of missing people was 574, of which 522 were male and 52 female.

## SCARCITY OF SKILLED WOMEN.

There is serious difficulty in securing educated and skilled woman labour, although unskilled labour is still available, declared Lady Macdonald lately, at a meeting, at the Trocadero, of the Association of Advertising Women. The fact that women's labour is usually immobile is a further difficulty. If they made up their minds to move and follow the work rather than expect the work always to go to them they would perform a special service to the State.

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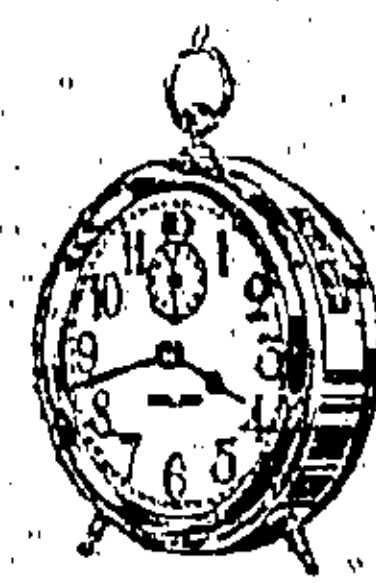
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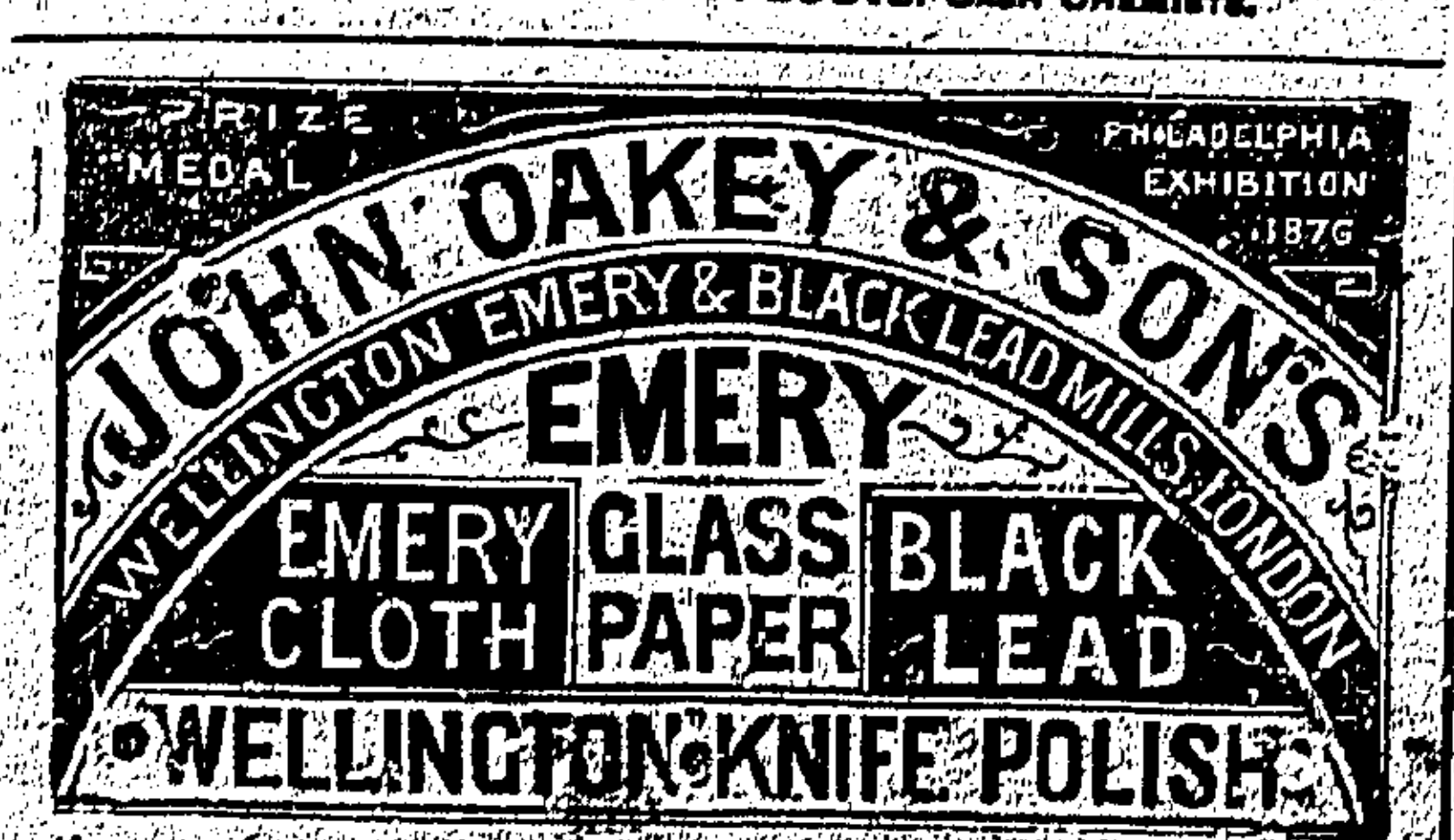
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## P. &amp; C. "MOLDAVIA" TORPEDGED.

## CONTINGENT OF AMERICAN TROOPS KILLED.

The "Times" of May 23 says: The Secretary of the Admiralty makes the following announcement—

"H.M. Armed Merchant Cruiser 'Moldavia' (under Captain A. J. Smith, R.N.) was torpedoed and sunk on the morning of May 23. There were no casualties among the crew, but of the American troops on board, 50 are up to the present unaccounted for, and it is feared they were killed in one compartment by the explosion."

The "Moldavia" was torpedoed in the Channel when making for a British port. Although a careful lookout was being kept, the submarine does not appear to have been sighted, and the first intimation of an attack was a violent explosion amidships. There was an immediate muster of the ship's crew at their stations, and of the soldiers on deck, although most of the men were in hammocks at the time. They quickly abandoned their hammocks and moved to the quarter-deck, and to a quarter of an hour the vessel proceeded under her own steam, in the hope that she might make port safely. It was seen, however, that this was out of the question, as she was beginning to settle down. Arrangements were made to transfer all the survivors to British destroyers and other vessels. The transfer was successfully effected, and all on board were saved, with the exception of 50 American soldiers, who were on the lower deck, and are supposed to have lost their lives either as a direct result of the explosion or in consequence of the launch or water. All the survivors were landed at a southern port.

Most of the men on board the "Moldavia" were American soldiers when the explosion occurred amidships. They turned out at once, and all, with the exception of about 50, were eventually saved. These were in the extreme lower deck, and the explosion appeared to have blown away the ladders and prevented the men escaping to the upper deck. Soldiers and sailors alike showed no panic, but calmly fell in and awaited orders. The vessel kept about for 30 minutes, and when it was seen that she was settling down, all on board were taken on to the existing ships.

The men lost the whole of their belongings, and some of them had no only their night attire. They were taken to different naval ports, and were supplied with new clothing when required and sent on leave. The "New York Herald" in its account of the disaster says: "We had American soldiers on board. We were steaming up the Channel in the early hours of Thursday morning, in bright daylight, when an explosion occurred amidships, but we could not see the submarine. Several of the destroyers which were conveying us immediately dashed off in search of the U-boat. Only one torpedo was fired, and the 'Moldavia' continued on her course for some time. It was hoped that the water-tight compartments would hold out, and when it was seen that they would not, preparations were made methodically to abandon the ship. The destroyers lined up alongside, and the troops, the officers and the crew were transferred to them."

HOW THE AUSTRIAN KNOWS THERE IS A WAR ON. Reuter learns from Serbian sources that, according to the "Hrvatski Posmatrac," prices of all commodities have been raised to such an extent as to make living in Western Austrian crown lands, particularly in Croatia, almost insupportable. The few following examples will demonstrate what privation the people have to undergo:—

Price of milk is raised 300 per cent. Eggs 12.50 per cent.  
A pair of fowls, formerly sold at 1s. 2d., is now worth one shilling.  
A pair of ducks, formerly sold at 2s. 2d., now cost 7s.  
Price of lamb raised 1,500 per cent.  
A reel of cotton 8,000 per cent.  
A pair of socks, formerly worth 4d., now sold at 4s.

According to the same paper the introduction of a breadless day is very seriously considered by the Austrian Food Controllers.

## TURKISH TROOPS LYING ON DATES.

A high military authority, who gave an account of the progress of British war operations, said that in Palestine the main object of our operations has been greatly fulfilled. Our object was to ease the situation in the south for the Arabs, and to enable them to destroy the Hedjaz railway. We also compelled the Germans to withdraw troops from the south.

We have put the Hedjaz railway out of business, so that the Turkish troops there are now living on dates, and do not get supplies along the line.

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## REPORT FOR JULY.

CITY HALL WORK PARTY (under Mrs. LAMMIE) July 24.—Ones packed and sent to the 4th General Hospital, Alexandria, containing:—24 mosquito nets, 32 pairs of pyjamas, 30 vests, 109 shirts, 8 bedjackets, 47 shrouds, 16 doz. handkerchiefs, 2 pairs of bedboots, 3 pairs of slippers, 24 pairs of socks, 24 pairs of gloves, 10 scrubbers, 40 mops, 8 dozen food covers, 10 scrubbers and 30 towels.

July 30.—One case packed and sent to the 4th General Hospital, Alexandria, containing:—16 dressing gowns, 14 mosquito nets, 24 towels, 24 pairs of pyjamas, 49 open back shirts, 74 shirts, 28 scrubbers, 32 vests, 14 surgical shirts, 12 pairs of slippers, 8 pairs of bedboots, 33 milk covers, 2 shrouds, 4 dozen handkerchiefs, 1 reversible bedjacket, 1 bed jacket, 1 cap and 4 mittens.

July 15.—One case was packed and sent to Miss Rutherford, Woolwich, containing:—16 dressing gowns, 10 surgical coats, 21 pairs of slippers, 8 pairs of bedboots, 3 pairs of knee caps, 1 pair of operation stockings, 3 pairs of gloves, 5 pairs of mittens, 40 pairs of socks, 24 pairs of caps and 7 doz. handkerchiefs.

Also a quantity of reading matter given by Messrs. Kelly & Walsh. Matter included:—6 pairs of bedboots, 6 pairs of knee caps, 1 white cap and 1 mitten. "OUR LITTLE BIT SOCIETY" (under Mrs. GREEN). To Miss E.A. Rutherford, Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, London S.E. 18, containing:—192 suits, 192 pairs of pyjamas, 24 pairs of socks, 36 muffs, 30 pairs of eye bandages, 40 pairs of cloth slippers, 3 white woolen caps, 740 rolled bandages, 28 fannel vests, 32 mops and 145 milk covers.

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Headquarters, China Command.  
Hongkong, 29th July, 1918.  
Dear Madam.—Lieut. Colonel John Ward, C.M.G., M.P., has asked me to convey the thanks of the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 24th Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, to the ladies of Hongkong for their untiring efforts in supplying the bandage kit of mullers, which will be distributed to all ranks. Yours faithfully,

(Signed) G. CASSEL, Major.

D.A.A. &amp; Q.M.G. China Command.

Wellington Barracks, Hongkong, 3rd July, 1918.

Dear Madam.—I am writing on behalf of the detachment of N.C.O.s and men of my unit who will shortly be leaving this Command to thank you and the Union Church Working Party for the magnificent case of parcels of comforts for them, which you have so kindly got together: they will be much appreciated by them and will be a reminder of the kind thoughts of those friends they leave behind, when they return to sterner duties. Remaining yours very sincerely,

(Signed) MORTON W. BUCK, Capt., R.E.

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